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#### **Debate rages** over oilsands cleanup

TOXIC PONDS Oilsands companies are still debating with Alberta's energy regulator over cleaning up their toxic tailings ponds even though the deadline to start is just more than a year away.

The Energy Resources Conservation Board still hasn't approved any plans for converting the vast sludge ponds into safer dry tailings.

Oilsands operators have known for more than a year they will have to start doing so.

A board spokesman says companies still face enforcement actions if cleanup doesn't start by June 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS





#### 5 romantic retreats

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Canadian skip and Edmonton's own Kevin Koe throws his rock during a victorious match against Scotland yesterday at the men's world curling championships in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy. Koe later lost to veteran German skip Andreas Kapp. Story, page 12.

## Case gets held over

#### Edmonton man appears in N.S. court on sex assault rap

SHELBY MCDONALD for Metro Canada

An Edmonton man facing a variety of charges including sexual assault follow-ing an incident at a downtown hotel in Halifax over the weekend made a brief appearance in a Nova Scotia court yesterday.

Andrew Norman Wilson casually dressed in a Tshirt and grey corduroys showed little emotion as the judge announced his arraignment had been held over until tomorrow.

The 21-year-old never spoke as the early afternoon

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proceeding wrapped up in less than a minute.

Wilson is facing charges of sexual assault, aggravated assault, forcible confinement, choking and unlawfully entering a dwelling after the incident at the Four Points Sheraton on Hollis Street early Saturday morn-

say an American couple had just checked into the hotel when the woman left to get something from a vending machine.

It was then police say the woman was confronted by a man who began sexually assaulting her.



taken into Halifax provincial court vesterday.

back to her room, where she yelled for her husband.

Police say the man then began assaulting the husband, while the woman went to the front desk for

help.
Officers arrived on scene and after conducting a search of the hotel, police say the suspect was found in the hallway on the fourth floor. He was arrested without incident.

The judge remanded him back to the Burnside jail yesterday pending his next court appearance.

Police say the female victim in this incident wasn't iniured.

#### Ban is no solution: Deputy fire chief

ANDREAS MORSE

**FIREFIGHTING** The burning season is upon us but Deputy Chief John Lamb says Edmonton firefighters are not overburdened and are hoping not to have to implement a fire ban for the city.

"We're still looking at it on a day-to-day basis and we don't see it as being a

"We're

busy, but

solution right now," said the deputy chief of operations.

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it's not a big drain "But this at this change by point." tomorrow. John Lamb, We're hoping that deputy fire the precipichief tation

that's expected on Thursday will alleviate

a lot of these conditions. Lamb said there is still moisture in the ground, which is still frozen, but the problem lies with tree branches and grass, which

are very dry. Since Good Friday, Edmonton fire crews have responded to 83 different wild land and grass fires around the city, at least one of which was deliberately set. Lamb said it's not unusual at see these kinds of numbers this time of

"We're busy but it's not a big drain at this point, he said. "When we're fighting a brush or a grass fire, that's taking crews away from other duties but the crews have been doing a good job dealing with them.'



In an effort to escape, police say the woman convinced the man to take her

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## Donating a day for Farm and Ranch Show sows seeds for greater success a healthier Africa

Doctor giving today's earnings to charity

MIRIAM ITZECK

Dr. Marlene Lidkea will be working as hard as usual today, but she won't make a single penny and she won't complain about it.

The family physician from St. Albert is among 50 health professionals across Canada who will be donather entire World ing Health Day income to support health and development projects in rural Africa.

"Even though we complain a lot about our health-care system, we have a pretty darn good one and we make decent money," Lidkea said.

"Giving up one day of income is not going to cause a hardship for anybody. It's a very small thing you could do to save millions of lives in Africa."

It's the fourth time she has signed up for the challenge, initiated by the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, a charity organization working in partnership with African communities to address local medical issues and develop healthy communi-

One of the projects that CPAR will support this year is focused on preventing the spread of malaria by



CPAR provides local farmers with seeds, tools and livestock to increase their household income

working closely with local governments and health officials on education pro-

The organization also hopes to reduce malaria-related deaths by delivering 1,600 treated bed nets to pregnant women, children under the age of five and people with HIV/AIDS.

This is the fifth year that CPAR has invited healthcare professionals to take part in the World Health Day Challenge.

According to the organization, registrations of health-care professionals are growing daily and are expected to reach at least

## seeds for greater success

ANDREAS MORSE

**EXHIBITS** The only way you could get a show more appropriate for Albertans would be to hold a show about the province itself. Instead, for the 44th

year, the Northlands Farm and Ranch Show is opening its doors to Edmontonians tomorrow and the exciting lineup of familiar favourites will include some new programming, exhibits and displays.

"It's just a great all-around show with lots of activities," said show manager Dave Fiddler.

"We had a very aggressive business plan that entailed filling the majority of the Expo Centre and I'm proud to say we've done that.'

This year's show features favourites like the Envirotech showcase, Women in Agriculture and Alberta Grows, as well as new features like the expanded equine programming, a

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Dave Fiddler, show manager

seeding technology clinic and farm/ranch management workshops.

After a day at the show, visitors can catch Canada's up-and-coming rodeo stars at the Canadian National College Finals Rodeo.

"It's great," Fiddler said. "We've got kids from colleges throughout the Prairies and into B.C. and they are the future stars of tne Canadian Rodeo." Finals

Tickets for the Farm and Ranch Show can be purchased at the door. Visit their website at farmandranchshow.com for an admission discount coupon.

#### Psychiatric review ordered for mom

**COURT** A judge has ordered a 30-day psychiatric review for an Alberta woman who is accused of killing her two young sons.

Allyson McConnell was not present in a Wetaskiwin courtroom when defence lawyer Peter Royal made the request for the assessment.

The 31-year-old woman is charged with second-degree murder in the deaths of her 2½-year-old son, Connor, and his 10-month-old brother, Jayden.

Their bodies were discovered Feb. 1 in their home in Millet.

Royal said McConnell is clearly fit to stand trial, but the question of her criminal responsibility will be the focus of her defence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Canada needs tighter online security: Report

Ottawa must take urgent action on cyberspace security, or risk becoming the next victim of a targeted attack by hackers using social media like Twitter to alean secret government or corporate information, Canadian researchers said vesterday.

The team of researchers from the University of Toronto and Ottawa-based

SecDev Group released a report yesterday documenting a complex cyber espionage system of Chinese hackers.

Twitter and email were among the tools used to access highly-sensitive docu-ments from the Dalai Lama's offices and national security data from India, they said.

"What the ... report

shows is that the social media clouds of cyberspace we rely upon today have a dark hidden core," said Ron Deibert, one of the principal researchers.

"The Canadian government has neither a domestic cyber security strategy or a foreign policy for cyberspace," Deibert said.

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#### Afghan prisoner probe kept hush-hush

INQUIRY The first two days of a probe into the handover of war prisoners in Afghanistan will be held behind closed doors.

The Military Police Complaints Commission has barred journalists, govern-ment officials and the general public from sitting in on its proceedings until

Thursday.
The civilian-run military watchdog started its probe yesterday, but procedural wrangling stalled the panel from hearing its first witness.

hearings The scheduled to resume in the afternoon, but a spokes-woman told reporters during a lunch break they would not be allowed back until Thursday morning.

"They will be behind closed doors for the re-



New Chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission, Glenn Stannard, listens as hearings resume related to a complaint about military police conduct in Afghanistan vesterday.

mainder of today and to-morrow," Nancy-Ann Walker said in an email. Nancy-Ann

The commission is investigating an allegation from Amnesty International Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

The groups say Canadian military police did not properly investigate officers responsible for directing the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities, allegedly at the risk of THE CANADIAN PRESS torture.

#### **Submachine guns** for Hill RCMP

PARLIAMENT RCMP officers who guard Parliament Hill are being equipped with submachine guns to give them more stopping power should a gunman attack the heart of Canada's government. Security, which has already been significantly beefed up after a high-profile breach last December, will get another boost in the coming months when Mounties patrolling the Hill get the Heckler & Koch MP5 submachine gun.

While officers will still rely on their semiautomatic 9mm pistols as their main weapon, they'll also have access to the small but effective machine guns, which will be carried as a "secondary weapon" in their cruisers.

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#### Haitians want Jean to stay

**DIPLOMACY** The capital might be chattering about who will be the next gover-



Michaelle Jean

Jean's sub-stantial fan club in Haiti would like to see her stay put. Jean is a

beloved figure of success in her coun-

try of birth, and has been a high-profile champion of support and assistance Haiti in the aftermath of January's earthquake.

As Jean opened a twoday conference yesterday on rebuilding the Caribbean nation, Haitian leaders confessed to some chagrin at

seeing her term draw to a close this fall.

"If the government is listening, I'd tell them to renew the mandate of Michaelle Jean." said Port-au-Prince Mayor Jean-Yves Jason.

It's not unusual for a governor general to have his or her mandate extended, but it is widely believed Prime Minister Stephen Harper is already seeking her succes-THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dalton McGuinty yesterday, for the first time, raised the possibility of pay freezes for a variety of public workers to help tackle Ontario's \$21.3-billion deficit. Elected officials are already facing a three-year pay freeze. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Nova Scotia Running the economy



Nova Scotia Finance Minister Graham Steele gave his \$9-billion deficit budget address at the provincial legislature in Halifax yesterday, laying out the government's four-year deficit-busting plan. The plan includes raising the province's harmonized sales tax, making it the highest combined provincial and federal tax rate in the country, at 15 per cent.

## Scandal hits home

#### Overseas claims put Quebec order on defensive

A Roman Catholic order in Quebec is defending its reputation after a former French bishop claimed he was asked to take in one of its priests who was found guilty of sexually abusing children in the 1980s.

The one-time bishop of Évreux, Jacques Gaillot, told a Paris newspaper earlier this week he regretted appointing Denis Vadebon-coeur to head a parish in western France, where he was convicted in 2005 of child abuse.

"We were being helpful," Gaillot said in an interview with Le Parisien. "We were asked to take

in an undesirable priest and we agreed."

But Vadeboncoeur's old order in Quebec, the Religieux Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, denies it had anything "We were asked to take in an undesirable priest and we agreed."

Jacques Gaillot Former French bishop

to do with Vadeboncoeur's career being allowed to continue in France.

They said he went to France on his own initiative in 1987, two years after being given a 20-month sentence in Quebec for sexually assaulting children.

He was originally charged in the province with gross indecency and sexually assaulting several children aged 12 to 17, as well as one count of sodomy.

Upon learning of his new position in France, the order penned a letter, dated Oct. 29, 1987, to Gaillot informing him of Vadeboncoeur's past. "We did what we had to

"We did what we had to do to inform those who were taking him in (in France), so there wouldn't be any surprises," said Alain Fiset, who headed Saint-Vincent-de-Paul during Vadeboncoeur's trial in France five years ago.

"What they did with that information is their responsibility."

responsibility."

The letter was sent to Gaillot again in 1988 and details Vadeboncoeur's crimes and punishment in Quebec, noting he served one-third of his sentence after pleading guilty.

Vadeboncoeur received a 12-year prison sentence in 2005 after a trial related to the rape of several minors between 1989 and 1992.

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#### China-U.S. thaw bodes well for G20

**DIPLOMACY** Repositioning by China and the United States over the past few days has vastly improved Canada's chances of holding a successful G20 summit in Toronto in June.

First, China offered last Thursday to join talks on renewing sanctions against Iran. Then, the U.S. announced it would stand down for now on its attempts to brand China a "currency manipulator"—

Men not pursuing answers on sexual health, study says a provocative label that hints at trade sanctions to follow.

Those moves suggest the two powers are taking concrete steps to defuse tensions and instead hash out their significant economicpolicy differences under the auspices of the Group of 20 — raising the stakes for the summit in Toronto.

"It's recognizing that countries in the G20 are going to have to move to-

Many young men say that

sexual health is a female

issue, according to a new

study by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and

the University of British

SEAN KOLENKO

gether," said Tom Bernes, acting executive director of the Waterloo, Ont.-based Centre for International Governance Innovation.

"It's not a question of any one country doing one thing. It absolutely increases the stakes of the G20. This is the big issue that's going to dominate everything."

Two weeks ago, relations between the two countries had deteriorated so much

The report, released yesterday, entitled Evergreen Guys Research Project: Improving Young Men's Health Care, was put together through a combination of nurse-led focus groups, street surveys and individual interviews to de-

that insiders wondered if the G20 — which brings together emerging and advanced countries to make decisions on the global economy — had much of a future.

Canada would have been presiding over a stumbling summit that was struggling to be significant. But now the two super-

powers have given each other some breathing room. THE CANADIAN PRESS

termine why so few young men were using health centres around the city.

"We've been open for 30 years at the Evergreen Community Health Centre and we see between 30 and 40 women per clinic," said Paramita Banerjee, a public health nurse with VCH.

#### **News** in brief

FLU STUDY A set of controversial studies that disrupted flu vaccination efforts in Canada last fall has finally been published. Provinces and territories scrambled to rethink their vaccination strategies after researchers found what appeared to be an inexplicable and troubling link between seasonal flu shots and the risk of getting pandemic H1N1. The suggestion was that peo ple who got a seasonal flu shot in 2008 had about double the risk of getting sick with the

"But only four per cent of people are males consistently."

The study also found young men would prefer the health centres to look more like doctors' offices.

"Our staff took on extra responsibility on learning how to deal with men," pandemic virus last spring compared to people who didn't get a shot. Even though the findings hadn't been published, most provinces and territories delayed offering seasonal flu shots until after they distributed pandemic vaccine. The studies have now been published in the journal PLoS Medicine. Independent researchers say the analyses are good, but they still cannot explain why the problem has only been seen in Canada.

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Another reason for the

low turnout? While most

men are talked to about

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Banerjee said.

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Police: Woman killed cousin over attire

Ohio police say a woman shot and killed her 19-year-old cousin Sunday after an argument over jean shorts and a T-shirt the teen wore to Easter dinner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## World

## Marriage drama has South Asia abuzz

team captain Shoaib Malik isn't the first professional athlete to receive unsolicited pictures from an admiring female fan.

But his decision to marry his romantic pursuer — sight unseen — surely sets him apart. In 2002, Malik was a rising star in Pakistan cricket when he agreed to recite marriage vows over the phone with Ayesha Siddiqui - the two had never met. Eight years on, Malik's baffling move is stoking a media frenzy throughout South Asia and threatening to sideline a highly anticipated Indian celebrity wedding this month.

News of Malik's bizarre marriage emerged after his family confirmed recently that the 28-year-old is scheduled to marry Indian tennis star Sania Mirza, 23, two months after they first met. Siddiqui, 29, wants an official divorce, and has filed a police complaint accusing Malik of cheating and criminal intimidation.

For his part, Malik admits



Sania Mirza and Shoaib Malik, to be married later this month.

he did marry Siddiqui over the phone after they exchanged photographs. But those photos, he in-

sists, turned out to be of someone else, a younger, prettier woman.

The highly charged drama has dominated Indian and Pakistani TV news coverage. Shiv Sena, a right-wing political party that previously accused Mirza of disrespecting the Indian flag, said she could not be truly Indian if she chose to marry a Pakistani. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#### Rescuers search for remaining miners

VIRGINIA Rescuers held out slim hope yester-day that four missing coal miners might have survived when a mine repeatedly cited for improperly venting methane gas exploded, killing 25 people in America's deadliest underground disaster in a quarter-century.

A day after the blast in southern West Virginia, desperate rescuers began boring into the mine in hopes of releasing poison-ous gases so crews could go in search of the men. But Gov. Joe Manchin said it could be today before

"I don't want to give anybody any false hope, but by golly, if ... that's my father or my brother or my uncle or my cousins, I'm going to have hope"

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin

much progress is made.

"I don't want to give anybody any false hope, but by golly, if I'm on that side of the table, and that's my father or my brother or my uncle or my cousins, I'm going to have hope," he said. Officials said the missing miners might have been able to reach airtight

chambers stocked with food, water and enough oxygen for four days. But rescue teams checked one of two chambers nearby, and it was empty. The buildup of gases prevented them from reaching other chambers.

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#### Earthquake rocks Indonesia

**SUMATRA** A 7.7 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra yesterday, prompting a brief tsunami warning and send-ing residents rushing for higher ground. There were no immediate reports of widespread damage.

The quake was centred 205 kilometres northwest

of Sibolga in Sumatra at a depth of 46 kilometres, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The Indonesia Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii issued tsunami warnings following the quake, but lifted them two hours later.

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#### **News** in brief

BRITAIN Police have arrested two women at a Liverpool airport after they reportedly tried to smuggle a corpse onto a flight. The BBC reported that the women placed the man, a relative of theirs, into a wheelchair and covered his face with sunglasses in a bid to get him aboard a flight to Berlin.

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Man charged with arson of topless coffee shop

Fire investigators in Maine say a man is being charged with setting a fire that destroyed the topless coffee shop where his girlfriend worked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## A new nuclear option

Obama rewrites decades-old U.S. policy on use of weapons

Rewriting America's nuclear strategy, the White House yesterday announced a fundamental shift that calls the spread of atomic weapons to rogue states or terrorists a worse threat than the nuclear Armageddon feared during the Cold War.

The White House is suddenly moving on multiple fronts with a goal of limiting the threat of a catastrophic international conflict, although it's not yet clear how far and how fast the rest of the world is ready to follow.

In releasing the results of an in-depth nuclear strategy review, President Barack Obama said his administration would narrow the circumstances in which the U.S. might launch a nuclear strike, that it would forego the development of new nuclear warheads and would seek even deeper reductions in American and Russian arsenals.

#### **UN** reaction

 UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he welcomes Obama's reaffirmation of his commitment to a nuclear-free world and believes the new Nuclear Posture Review "is a timely initiative in that direction."

His defence secretary, Robert Gates said the focus would now be on terror groups such as al-Qaida as well as North Korea's nuclear buildup and Iran's nuclear ambitions.

"For the first time, preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism is now at the top of America's nuclear agenda," Obama said, distancing his administration from the decades-long U.S. focus on arms competition with Russia and on the threat posed by nuclear missiles on hair-trigger alert.

"The greatest threat to U.S. and global security is no longer a nuclear exchange between nations, but nuclear terrorism by violent extremists and nuclear proliferation to an increasing number of states," he said, spelling out the core theme of the new strategy. Congressional Democ-

rats hailed the announcement, but some Republicans said it could weaken the nation's defence capa-

Rep. Buck McKeon of California, the top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said the policy change could carry "clear consequences" for security and he was troubled by "some of the language and perceived signals imbedded" in the

Two leading Senate voices on nuclear strategy, Arizona Republicans John Mc-Cain and Jon Kyl, criticized the Obama policy's restrictions on using nuclear arms to retaliate against a chemical or biological at-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Brazil Deadly floods, mudslides



A rescue worker carries a baby as other victims are helped after a landslide in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. The heaviest rains in Rio's history triggered landslides that killed at least 81 people as rising water turned roads into rivers and paralyzed Brazil's second-largest city.

#### Hopes dimming for remaining miners trapped in China

CHINA A dangerous gas buildup and narrow shafts stalled rescue efforts Tuesday for the remaining 32 miners trapped in a Chinese coal mine with no signs of life, as euphoria faded from the previous day's stunning rescue of 115 workers after more than a week under-

The recovery of six bodies

also dimmed hopes.

Rescue work stretched into its 10th day but met a new challenge as toxic, highly combustible gas seeped into the mine, reaching levels a rescue spokesman said were "impermissible." Efforts to pump out enough water for rescuers to enter were hindered by tunnels too nar-

row for large pumps to be installed.

The grim outlook came after Monday's dramatic rescues at the Wangjialing province of Shanxi. The 115 miners survived for eight days underground by eating sawdust, tree bark, paper and even coal.

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#### Age no obstacle for teen Mount Everest hopeful

CLIMBER A 13-year-old California boy plans to try to climb Mount Everest in a quest to reach the summits of the highest peaks on all seven continents. If Jordan Romero succeeds, he'll become the youngest person to conquer the world's highest mountain.

Iordan will attempt the ascent to 8,850 metres with his father and his father's girlfriend, both experienced outdoors people who have helped train the teenager for top-level mountaineering. When Romero was only nine, a school mural of the seven summits inspired his ambitious goal.

'I told my dad about it and he didn't say no. He just explained the difficulties and what I'd have to do. We started training right away, said Jordan, who was scheduled to depart for Nepal Monday night.

At age 10, he became the voungest American to sum-

#### "It's a metaphor for life."

Jordan Romero on mountain climbing

mit Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. He's steadily checked off four of the tallest peaks since then, including Alaska's Mount McKinley, which many climbers consider to be a more technical climb than Everest. Despite his pen-chant for tall mountains and thin air, friends and family describe Jordan as unusually grounded for a 13-year-old. He said he understands the risks of climbing Everest, which kills climbers almost every year.

"Mountain climbing requires a lot of mental training and making smart decisions. It's a metaphor for life," he said, sounding wiser than his years.

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#### Not guilty pleas in bullying case

**MASSACHUSETTS** Three teenagers pleaded not guilty through their lawyers yesterday in the bullying of a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide after what prosecutors call months of threats and harassment. Sean Mulveyhill and Kayla Narey, both 17, and 18-yearold Austin Renaud, will remain free on personal recognizance on the condition that they stay away from the family of Phoebe Prince, the girl who died. Mulveyhill and Renaud are charged with statutory rape. Mulveyhill and Narey are also charged with violation of civil rights resulting in bodily injury, criminal harassment and disturbance of a school assembly. Authorities said Prince was bullied after having a relationship with a popular boy. They have not identified him, but friends said it was Mulveyhill, who was a star football player at South Hadley High School.

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## oonie dances with the Big Cheese



ne way to tell the strength of the Canadian dollar the length of the lineup at the border.

Last weekend, it was three hours long at B.C.'s Peace Arch border cross-

ing. It's hard to imagine anyone waiting three hours to buy discount cheese, but I admit there's something deeply satisfying about scoring a giant wedge of mellow yellow for about one-twelfth the cost at the local supermarket. A quick way to get in touch with your inner rodent.

As I write, I'm in the perfect place to view the loonie's run to parity with the U.S. dollar: The Mandalay Bay hotel, 14 floors above the Las Vegas strip with a view of the pyra-

mid-shaped Luxor, that peculiar monument to the excess that was never ancient Egypt.

I flew down with a host of Canadian invaders on the day the loonie reached 99.9 cents US. Yesterday morning, for one brief shining moment, the two currencies were exactly equal. This is great news for the punters, who have experienced a 25 per cent increase in their buying power from a year ago. They are the lords and ladies of the slots, the buffet, and the outlet malls.

This dance of currencies is how Canadians keep score in our one-sided competition with our American cousins. But what does it mean, really? There's loose talk about how Canada's fundamentals are so good compared to the U.S.: Our deficit is lower, our exports are in greater demand, and we're nicer. Maybe that's true. But let's not forget that while our currencies are now equal, that's about it.

The U.S. ranks first in the world with a gross do-mestic product (GDP) of

\$14.27 trillion, while Canada barely squeaks into the top 10 with \$1.4 trillion. The U.S. spends almost as much on its defence budget — \$1.2 trillion

It's a good time to pause and ask if we'd be feeling so pleased with ourselves if we weren't wrapped in a \$1.2-trillion security blanket. Would our resources be so valuable and in such demand if we didn't have a reliable customer that always pays its bills? Ironically, much of the strength of our dollar versus theirs depends on their good

I'm not arguing that everything is good in America." Just spend 15 minutes strolling the legendary Vegas strip: It's a temple of unsustainability, not to mention cholesterol. Don't try this at home!

But let's not let the loonie lure us into a fool's paradise of our own. So, sit back, relax and wait your turn. It's a three-hour wait for the cheese.

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#### Word on the street: Are you cheering for Tiger Woods as he returns to golf at the Masters this week?

#### **Michael** von Klitzing Edmonton

A: I will be cheering for him. It will be the first time I am watching the Mas-ters, and I'm looking just to see Tiger Woods' comeback. I'm excited to see how well he'll do. see if he choke or not.

#### **Chris** Leeuw Edmonton

A: Yeah, I think his professional golfing career and his personal life are sepa rate. That doesn't mean he doesn't owe an explanation to the public ... but doesn't mean he shouldn't golf.

#### **Sunny** Deol Burnaby, B.C.

A: No. I think he's a complete d-bag for everything he's everything he's done to his wife and kids.

#### **Darren McEwan** Ottawa

A: No. I'm not cheering him. I'm iust not cheering for him. I'm cheering for Mike Weir, a Canadian, to win it.

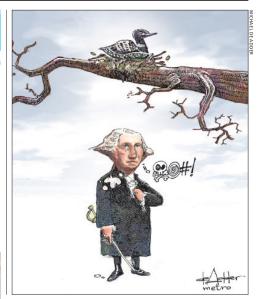
#### Anna Hayes Toronto

A: No, there are important things happening in the world other than Tiger Woods comeback. I don't care what he's done; he's not the

#### **Jackie** Wilson Calgary

A: Yes I will. I want to see what he's going to do since he's been in the news so much. didn't watch Tiger Woods before, but I'm in-terested now.





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U.S. billionaire investor Wilbur Ross has bought a 21 per cent stake in Richard Branson's Virgin Money, backing the British entrepreneur's bid to buy hundreds of branches of the government-owned Royal Bank of Scotland. Ross, paid 100 million pounds (\$152 million) under the deal announced yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Economists say a strong loonie will not mean lower prices right away.

## Loonie briefly flies at par

The loonie returned to parity for the first time in 20 months yesterday, but analysts and retailers say Canadians shouldn't expect to see price parity in stores.

Buoyed by strong Canadian fundamentals and the currency's upward momentum, the loonie hov-ered around parity with the U.S. dollar most of the day, reaching as high as 100.12¢ US, before settling a fraction below the line at 99.88¢. But economists say it is only a matter of time

— maybe days — before the currency stakes its ground above the line for an extended period. "Canada is the

Switzerland of stability, but with domestic assets the world wants," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital, in reference to Canada's commodity riches, including oil.

Mark Beazley of the Re-

tail Council of Canada said parity will inevitably lead to pressure on retailers to match prices on everything from clothes to electronics to automobiles with the U.S., in part because the comparison is easy to make. But he cautions that the value of the currency is only one of many factors that determine prices.

"Canada is one-tenth the size of the U.S. market so Canadian retailers aren't

getting the volume discounts their American counterparts are getting, and we have higher labour costs, higher import taxes, unique (bilingual) labelling requirements," plained.

Analysts said the adjustments could take months or even years - as they did the last time the currency rose to and above the U.S. dollar in the fall of

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#### Frugal eaters turn to High Liner: CEO

FOODS Frugal Americans who buy more frozen seafood for home cooking will bring about "modest increases" in U.S. sales for High Liner Foods Inc. this year, the Lunenburg-based firm's chief executive predicts.

The United States accounted for slightly more than half of the company's sales last year, with the remainder coming mostly from in Canada. Sales in both countries were down from the previous year, but the decline in U.S. sales was bigger.

The trend in the recession-battered United States consists of aging baby boomers who are eating in and seeking to reduce calories by eating fish, High Liner CEO Henry Demone said yesterday after the company's annual meeting. "I use the term 'the new normal' in the U.S. because the U.S. consumer was really over-leveraged in terms of credit cards and mortgages and now people are saving money and paying down debt, Demone said.

Demone, the son of a sea captain who fished the Grand Banks, said he's also still trolling the United States for potential acquisitions, after not finding any willing sellers in 2009.

Last year, the U.S. business had earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization of \$23 million, a jump of 25 per cent over the year before.

Overall, profits rose from \$14.2 million in 2008, or 88 cents per share, to \$19.7 million, or \$1.07 per share in 2009.

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#### **News** in brief

TELECOM Telus Corp. says it will invest \$650 million this year on infrastructure in British Columbia to deliver more highspeed Internet, high-definition TV and advanced wireless services to its customers in that province. Telus CEO Darren Entwistle said the company has invested more than \$22 billion in technology and operations in B.C. since 2000, the year he became head of Canada's second-largest telecom company. Last month, he announced a similar \$650-million spending plan for neighbouring Alberta - another province where Telus is the dominant telecom carrier. It has yet to outline its spending 2010 spending plans for the Ontario and Quebec market, where it also competes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Convenience stores face tough times

**Big investor for Virgin Money** 

convenience stores were hammered last year by higher credit card fees, contraband cigarettes and the economic recession, according to an industrysponsored study.

Illegal tobacco sales continued to cost stores more than \$2.5 billion in annual sales and \$260 million in profits, said the report prepared by Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.

The industry is heavily dependent on cigarette sales. Two out of every three cigarettes sold legally in Canada are purchased in convenience stores.

Credit card fees accounted for \$200 million in costs, some \$50 million of that as a result of a recent increase in processing fees by major card companies.

The industry's profitability was also hurt by an average five per cent increase in the minimum wage.

Overall, the net profitability of convenience stores was barely holding at about one per cent, about half the level in 2008.

The future is expected to remain challenging as the maturing industry faces slowing sales growth, the study said.

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#### AOL looking to sell or shutter Bebo

**ONLINE** The struggling Internet company AOL plans to sell or shut down social website Bebo, which it bought for \$850 million nearly two years ago.

In an email sent to AOL Inc. employees yesterday, the company said that Bebo's audience is falling and that it would need a "significant investment" to remain competitive as a social networking company.

Bebo has been popular in Europe, but not in the U.S. According to comScore Inc., it had 5.1 million U.S. users in February, compared with 209.7 million for Facebook.

AOL says it's looking for potential buyers and plans to finish a strategic evaluation by the end of May. AOL bought Bebo in May

2008. AOL was then part of Time Warner Inc.

It separated from the media conglomerate last year.

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#### Mine blast **Trading impact**



Specialist Evan Solomon, left, directs trading in shares of Massey Energy Co., yesterday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Massey shares fell 11.4 per cent to \$48.45 US a day after a deadly explosion at a West Virginia mining operation run by Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co., which officials said has a history of safety violations.

#### WestJet sees 10% jump in passenger numbers

AIRLINES The newly-appointed chief executive of Airlines Ltd., Gregg Saretsky, says he's pleased with how the comperformed month.

WestJet's passenger traffic in March was up 10 per cent from the same time last year. That equates to about 94,000 additional guests.

The Calgary-based airline's load factor which is a measure of how full its fleet was - rose to 83.8 per cent.

That's up 1.9 percentage points from March 2009. despite a 7.4 per cent increase in capacity.

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Caster Semenya will wait for the results of her gender verification tests before returning to competitive running, saying yesterday that she will race June 24 at a meet in Zaragoza, Spain. The results of the tests are expected in June. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## sports



#### Rochette on Time's shortlist

Olympic medallist Joannie Rochette is on Time magazine's prelimi-nary list of the 100 most influential people of 2010. The 24-year-old figure skater won a bronze medal in Vancouver last month just days Dupras, Que., was 26th overall in online voting out of 200 candidates, with more than 7,000 votes.

## Hall deserves to go No. 1



ith nothing left to decide on the ice the Edmonton

Oilers will indeed finish as the worst team in the NHL this season — all eves have shifted to a playoff battle between the Ontario League's Windsor Spitfires the Ontario and Plymouth Whalers.

Windsor features the sublime Taylor Hall, while Plymouth counters with the awesome Tyler Seguin. But which one will be wearing an Oilers sweater on draft day this summer?

This week, let's look at the case for Hall. The bigger name of the two, Hall has been a phenom in the OHL for several years now and really came to attention last season when he was the



Taylor Hall, second from left, is the marquee name in this summer's NHL draft

MVP during Windsor's run to the Memorial Cup title in Rimouski, Que.

A dynamic right winger who can also play centre, Hall is dangerous because of his speed and his creativity. You can actually watch lesser opponents back off from him when he has the puck, lest he make them look silly.

At a sturdy six-foot, 180 pounds, Hall has the musculature of an NHLer and although he will certainly add to his physique as the years of training continue,

he's very similar in stature to Atlanta's Evander Kane, who himself went straight from the draft to the pros.

On top of that, Hall is the marquee name in the draft. He's this year's Steven Stamkos, John Tavares or Patrick Kane. Seguin will no doubt be a great player, but his fast rise has been overshadowed by Hall's world juniors appearance and team success in the OHL.

The big question is, do the Oilers really want to be the team that passed on Hall? Sure, 2008 No. 2 overall pick Drew Doughty has quickly become a valuable member of the Los Angeles Kings and already has an Olympic gold medal to his credit, but no way was Tampa Bay going to pass on Stamkos with the top selection. This season, the electrifying pivot rewarded the Bolts by flirting with 50 goals as a sophomore.

Last year, there was even talk of the Islanders picking Matt Duchene over Tavares. And while Duchene may have better offensive numbers so far, the New York brain trust would have been flayed alive if they passed on J.T., and rightly so. Tavares is a franchise player who just needs some more weapons to play with. The Isles did their fan base right by taking him.

Similarly, should the Oilers win the draft lottery, Hall is their man. He's been on the radar long enough for a reason.

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#### Penner giving lowly Oilers something to celebrate

season he won't forget and a middle he would rather not remember, winger Dustin Penner is scripting a memorable end to his third season with the Edmonton Oilers.

Penner, who scored 15 goals in his first 27 games this season to garner consideration for Canada's Olympic team before go-ing cold, stayed hot by scoring twice in a 4-1 win

Monday, giving him a career-high 31

goals. The 27-year-old is

one of the few positives this season on a 30th-place Oilers team.

"I set out to have a better year and to Dustin Penner have a personal best in goals, assists and points," Penner said.

"It's nice. It's

over the Minnesota Wild sweet, though, with the way the team is do-

ing.
"It would mean a whole lot more to me if we were in the playoffs, or at least pushing for a spot, but it's been a tough

year.

whose Penner, previous high of 29

goals came with the Anaheim Ducks in 2006-07, has put a prolonged mid-season slump behind him with seven goals in the Oilers' last 12 games as Edmonton prepares to face the Colorado Avalanche today.

With three games to play, Penner is finishing on the kind of pace he started on - a far cry from the middle of the season, when he struggled through a 25-game stretch with just four goals.

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Letterman has offer for Butler coach

David Letterman offered Butler's Brad Stevens a year of his salary to take over his alma mater, Ball State. The Late Show host was joking, of course, when he interviewed the NCAA runner-up's coach via satellite yesterday. Stevens responded by complimenting Ball State's Billy Taylor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tiger Woods plays a shot during a practice round yesterday prior to the Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club.

## Tiger set for TV spotlight

Will tee off at 11:42 a.m. tomorrow

Thousands of fans are following Tiger Woods around Augusta National during practice rounds. Millions more around the world will be able to watch when he officially makes his return to golf at the Masters tomorrow.

Woods was put in the next-to-last group for the opening round — his first meaningful shot since his private life unravelled in sordid tales of infidelity five months ago. His 11:42 a.m. tee time fits perfectly into live television coverage

(TSN, 2 p.m.). Joining the world's No. 1 player will be K.J. Choi and Matt Kuchar.

"It's funny, because I sort of had a feeling when I left Dallas that it would be cool if I was paired with Tiger, and it happened," Choi said when he walked off the 18th green yesterday. "I like playing with big crowds."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., tees off at 7:40 a.m. and is paired with Lee Westwood and amateur Matteo Manassero.

Woods did not speak to the media yesterday, yet he remains very much the centre of attention at this Masters. The first big hurdle was going public — playing golf before fans and speaking to the media for the first time since Nov. 15.

metronews.ca/sports The next big test comes tomorrow, when he starts keeping score. Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competition before a major championship — the 2006 U.S. Open after his fa-

ther died and the 2008 U.S.

but he has never come to

Augusta National without

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any type of a tuneup. Few other golf courses require so much precision, even more when it's hot and dry as it has been all

"It's a very stressful course to play when you're in a major championship," British Open champion Stewart Cink said. "It's a really difficult test, and it comes at you with every shot. If your game is up to it, and your mentality is up to it, then you can succeed and you can play well and have some confidence.

"But if you are wavering in any way, the course just identifies that and it just spits you out.

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#### Iginla blames himself for Flames' lack of goals

NHL Calgary Flames captain Jarome Iginla points the finger at himself for his team's lack of goals this season.

With the Flames among the bottom three teams in the NHL in production, the player who has twice led the league in goal-scoring admits he's struggled.

"I'm going to be around 70 points. It's not enough," Iginla said yesterday prior to a game against San Jose. "We've had a lot of trou-

scoring goals. That's been my job and my role.

After assisting on Sidney Crosby's goal to win Olympic gold on Feb. 28, the 32-year-old right-winger has scored five goals in 17 games for the

Flames.

"I haven't been very good," Iginla said. "It's not een for lack of want or lack of trying. Unfortunately I've been in a rut and I'm going to work to get out of

"Do I think my best times are behind me? No I don't. I've been in a lot of tough stretches before droughts." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic gold and Red Wings post-season push leave little down time for Mike Babcock.

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#### **Sports** in brief

**SOCCER** Lionel Messi scored four times as Barcelona beat Arsenal 4-1 to reach the Champions League semifinals for the third straight year yesterday. Barcelona plays group stage rival Inter Milan next after the Serie A champions beat CSKA Moscow 2-0 on aggregate. **BASEBALL** Tests on the injured right shoulder of Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street show no major damage. Rockies manager Jim Tracy said Street was checked Monday by noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews. Tracy said an MRI exam came back clean. CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers were the only CFL team to exceed the \$4.2million salary cap last year, the league announced yesterday. The Blue Bombers finished the season \$44.687 over the cap and were therefore fined that amount by the league. TENNIS Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Russia beat Yvonne Meusburger of Austria

6-3, 6-0 yesterday to reach the second round of the Andalucia Open.

**BASEBALL** Baseball players are threatening to file a collusion grievance charging owners with conspiring against free agents last winter. New players' association head Michael Weiner told The Associated Press yesterday the union has concerns, but owners deny any wrongdoing. **HOCKEY** Craig MacTavish's coaching staff for the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship is set. Peter DeBoer and Billy Moores will join MacTavish behind the Canadi an bench at next month's tournament in Germany. DeBoer is currently finishing his second season as the head coach of the Florida Panthers, Moores spent nine years as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers under Mac-Tavish and is currently a pro scout for the team.

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## McNabb begins 'new chapter'

NFL The quarterback holding the burgundy No. 5 Washington Redskins jersey was Donovan McNabb. From everything that was said, it might have been simpler to just go ahead and call him John Elway II.

The six-time Pro Bowl star was formally introduced yesterday at Redskins Park. All things being equal, he would rather be preparing for a 12th season with the Philadelphia Eagles, but an Easter Sunday trade between NFC East rivals has opened what he called "a new chapter in the book of Donovan.

"I've always believed in finishing where you start-ed," McNabb said. "I think there's a lot to be said with that. Not a lot of quarterbacks in this league are able to do that these days. Sometimes change is better. Sometimes you're forced into change. I would have



**'Sometimes** vou're forced into change."

Donovan McNabb

loved to (stay in Philadelphia), but it didn't happen.' Instead, he is with the

Redskins and new coach Mike Shanahan, and both went to great lengths to say that trading two draft picks for a 33-year-old quarterback with a few nicks is a solid investment. They did so by repeatedly invoking Elway, who was 34 when Shanahan became coach of the Broncos in 1995.

"I'm turning 34 this year," McNabb said. "And he finished John's career with two Super Bowls. Hopefully I can continue to follow behind THE ASSOCIATED PRESSS

#### Koe suffers first loss

**CURLING** Kevin Koe's perfect run at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship is over.

Veteran German Andreas Kapp posted a 9-6 win over the Edmonton skip yesterday, ending a six-game winning streak in Koe's tournament debut.

Koe opened the day with a dominating 6-2 win over Scotland's Warwick Smith to take sole possession of first place in the standings at 6-0.

But the Canadians struggled in the evening draw, eventually losing to a Kapp rink desperate for a win to keep its playoff hopes alive.

"Well, we didn't play well and that's what happens," said Koe. "That was a big win for them and not a good loss for us. We kind of gave away the game early



Kevin Koe throws his rock yesterday against Scotland

and just didn't play well." Koe said Kapp's experience played a part in the win. "These guys have been around," said Koe. "This is about their 15th worlds, they've played lots of these and they played well."

The loss dropped Koe into a three-way tie with Scotland and Norway atop the standings at 6-1.

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#### Ferguson not prepared to risk Rooney

**SOCCER** Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is to risk injured unlikely Rooney striker Wayne against Bayern Munich today in the second leg of the Champions League quarterfinals.

Rooney injured ligaments in his right ankle last Tuesday when United lost to Bayern 2-1 in the first leg, but he is already ahead of schedule after initially been ruled out for up to three weeks.

"We have made some

progress with the lad, the medical team have done fantastic, but I'm not prepared to take a risk when the player is not 100 per cent fit," Ferguson said yesterday. "We are looking more at the Manchester City game (on April 17), maybe Blackburn as a sub (on Sunday), but the boy is making good progress."

Ferguson, however, didn't rule out the possibility that Rooney would play against Bayern at Old Trafford.

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Future of Queen's law library uncertain

The head law librarian at Queen's University says the institution may lose its law library if cuts to the school's library system continue. The librarian says 16 library staff positions have been cut since 2004-05, and she anticipates more cuts in the future. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Workology

#### **Dealing with McMaster's crisis**

McMaster University has struck a three-member panel tasked with resolving a conflict in the institution's business school, where faculty have been divided on the issue of Dean Paul Bates' leadership. One faculty group accuses Bates of high-handed management, while the other believes he has been unfairly targeted. The dean will continue in his position and is expected to work in consultation with the panel.

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## **Communication breakdown**

KEITH CARMAN



## What you say isn't half as important as they way you do — or don't — say it. Sound ridiculous? Consid-

Sound ridiculous? Consider this: How many of us have walked out of a job screening thinking we aced it? Our answers were wittily smooth, providing great insight into our character and abilities while our resumé was a perfect response to the job description? Still,

we didn't get that anticipated call back.

Here's a possible reason. In job interviews, common perception is that what we say has more weight than how it's conveyed. However, as author Alison Craig reveals in her latest book Hello Job (Blue Monarch Press), one often overlooked aspect of job hunting is the mannerisms we employ when searching for, well, employ.

"Nonverbal communication is one more piece to the communication puzzle and even dominates the picture, ranging from your body language and facial expressions to your voice and, of course, your overall image," she asserts.

Looking at it that way, it's clear how a spotless work history might not be a deal-clincher. Craig notes that regaling those rehearsed speeches about our strengths and weaknesses invariably prove more successful when combined with effective body language, a mode of articula-

tion most Human Resources professionals are highly trained in reading/understanding yet we commonly overlook.

"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you," she says. "Not giving direct eye contact can be construed as simple nervousness or that you are hiding something from the interviewer. Closed body language such as crossed legs, purses/brief cases on your lap or arms fully crossed across the chest is an unintentional

warning telling others to keep their distance; that we are disinterested in what is going on," Craig charges, adding that hunched shoulders indicate being overstressed or lazy; careless about our position.

So how do we tackle

these unwitting, soundless modes of correspondence?

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 $Nonverbal\ communication, such as\ hand\ gestures\ and\ eye\ contact\ can\ make\ or\ break\ a\ job\ interview,\ says\ Alison\ Craig,\ author\ of\ Hello\ Job.$ 

## Employee lost sight of who the boss was



ometimes employees too easily confuse who gets to call the legal shots. Believing that their job is an entitlement, some workers try to take the law into their own hands. They are often mistaken. This is the tale of one employee who learned this lesson the hard way.

Working out of the Toronto-area offices of Software developer VoiceGenie Technologies, Crinu Iliescu quickly wore out his welcome. Hired only 15 months earlier as a Software Q.A. Manager, Iliescu swiftly lost the firm's trust



after his response to a manager's email accusing him of underperformance. Iliescu wrote his boss, the HR manager and the president with five demands he required them to meet before he would return to work.

The next day lliescu did return to work but found that his access to the computer system and security pass had been removed. He was then met with a "performance improvement plan," detailing the compa

ny's concerns about his behaviour and setting out its expectations from him in the future. Iliescu reacted by rejecting the performance guidelines and declaring that his return to work would occur only when his concerns were fully addressed.

VoiceGenie told Iliescu

VoiceGenie told lliescu that its performance plan was not negotiable or subject to his approval and that he was to immediately return to work. When Iliescu did not, VoiceGenie concluded that he had abandoned his position and fired him. Believing that he had been wrongfully dismissed, Iliescu sued the company and its president for nearly one million dollars.

At trial, Justice Randall Echlin found that it was simply not open to Iliescu to reject the performance plan and provide his employer with an ultimatum that it must meet his concerns.

Iliescu lost sight of who was entitled to call the shots. While employees do retain certain rights, rejecting a reasonable performance improvement plan is usually a poor option. It's best to protest the plan in writing and continue to work. You retain the right to complain and keep your job.

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## **Romantic places**

#### Spots guaranteed to ignite your relationship

PAUL BALDWIN Metro World News



A town whose actual charm is often overlooked because of its link to the greatest romance of all time. The actual "wherefore art thou" balcony is a little underwhelming, but come on, this is Romeo and Juliet — if you can't get romantic here you may have to accept that affairs of the heart may not be your thing. The town is also one of Italy's prettiest with opera in the summer, and great galleries. Lake and great gancia.

Garda is also nearby.

Hotel Gabbia

**Stay:** Hotel Gabbia d'Oro, Corso Porta Borsari. hotelgabbiadoro.it

#### Frankly M'Dear Georgia

A very over-looked U.S. state as far as tourism goes but Georgia's determined-ly "southern" laid back take on life and the beautiful countryside is fabu-lously Gone With the Wind. Many of the antebellum buildings are either real Civil War stock or

stylised copies. The state is dotted with great hotels and guest houses. Frankly m'dear you 'll give a damn.

**Stay:** Antebellum Inn, 00 North Columbia Street, Milledgeville. antebelluminn.com

#### **Anthony and Cleopatra** Cairo

By day the backdrop to the Anthony and Cleopatra love story can seem a little hectic and scruffy, but under the stars (and lit by an impressive light show), the pyramids seem fabulously romantic. There's something about their permanence and resilience in the face of all that time can throw at them that seems tailor made to inspire love.

**Stay:** Four Seasons Hotel, 089 Corniche El Nil. fourseasons.com/caironp

#### **Wuthering Heights** Yorkshire Moors,

England

Emily Bronte's novel of thwarted passion between Heathcliffe and Cathy is routinely voted the most romantic novel of all time. And looking out onto the brooding Yorkshire Moors in northern England, it's easy to see how these rolling hills provided such inspiration. Even more haunting in the rain, which, it being Yorkshire, is highly likely.

Stay: Ashmount Country House, Mytholmes Lane, Haworth, West Yorkshire. ashmounthaworth.co.uk

Palace of Love The Taj Mahal The Taj Mahal, in Agra, is ing a palace of love.

perhaps the greatest monument to lost love in the world. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan who was griefstricken after his third wife died during the birth of their 14th child. And 350 years later the white marble minarets are still pretty much the benchmark for anyone thinking of build-

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The "wherefore art thou" balcony from Romeo and Juliet is located in Verona, one of Italy's prettiest towns.



The Cairo pyramids under the stars is sure to inspire love.

Big Ben in London, England.

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A pool in the Ilha do Papagaio in Brazil. Most of the island area is rare Atlantic rainforest.

## **Island paradise**

Be enveloped by pristine nature in Papagaio, Brazil

MAURICIO XAVIER Metro World News

If you find selecting a hotel a real headache then the paradise island of Papagaio is your dream holi-

day — it only has one!

The entire island, off the coast of southern Brazil, has been owned by the Senh family since 1971, but the hotel was only opened in 1992 when the travelling publics started to arrive.

Papagaio is in Palhoça, 30 kilometres from the island of Santa Catarina, where most of Florianópolis, the capital of Santa Catarina State, is located.

To get there you'll need to go to Ponta do Papagaio then take a boat to the is-

#### Accommodation

Atay, from \$250/night.
 The hotel has 21 chalets with views to the Baía da Pinheira.
 There is a swimming pool, gym and a massage room.
 You can visit nearby Guarda do Embaú.
 But you won't want to!

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and.

A bit of a chore yes, but 100 per cent worth it for a taste of the unspoiled natural beauty of Papagaio.

About 80 per cent of the Papagaio island area is rare Atlantic rainforest that is environmentally preserved and protected. And because of this it has some of the

most exhilarating hiking in the world. Seven trails crisscross the island and you'll find yourself enveloped by pristine untouched nature in the raw.

Boat excursions are the only other way to get to know the place and its nearby islands: dos Corais, do Campeche and Moleques do Sul e Três Irmãs.

During the winter season, between June and August, there are also excursions by boat to observe Southern right whales that mate in the waters south of Brazil.

The beaches are known for their clear waters and a range of aquatic sports, such as diving, wakeboard, water ski, kayak and fishing.

#### Tourists return to Machu Picchu after flood

Tourists are back at Machu Picchu, which reopened after a two-month closure due to floods that washed out the rail link to the mountaintop ruins.

But officials say the entire route is not expected to reopen until June. Until then, tourists can travel by bus from Cuzco to Piscachuco and from there by train to Machu Picchu Pueblo at the base of the ruins.

Peru's No. 1 tourist site had been shut down since late January, when heavy rains disrupted the rail link from the city of Cuzco and trapped some 4,000 tourists, many of whom had to be rescued with helicopters.

Workers have now finished rehabilitating the last 27 kilometres of track,



Actress Susan Sarandon poses during the reopening of the citadel of Machu Picchu in Cuzco, Peru.

though service has not been restored all the way to Cuzco.

The train is the only form of transportation to the fortress, though

hardier tourists can also hike there along the steep Inca Trail.

Machu Picchu averages
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more than 21 species of native birds and 49 species moths that inhabit the six-and-a-quarter acre property. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Picturesque parks to Roman ruins



Adventure Cafe is a must-stop-spot in Bath.

#### Bath attracts visitors from all over the globe

ROMINA MCGINNESS Metro World News

#### WHERE TO WAKE UP Royal Crescent rovalcrescent.co.uk

A lavish hotel bang in the centre of the famous

Royal Crescent. drapes, four poster beds and marble tubs... the place is simply exquisite. The entire façade gives on to the luscious green Victoria Park, which is perfect for a morning promenade.

#### SPEND THE MORNING Fashion Shopping

Bath's reputation as the West Country's fashion hub has people flocking in from bigger cities including London and Bristol. The Frock Exchange (10 Kingsmead Square) is a treasure trove of Yves Saint Laurent, Chanel and Mulberry belts, scarves, dresses, sunglasses and handbags.

#### WHERE TO LUNCH Vertinsky Café 5 Princess Buildings,

George St.
Idyllic (and handy) location on George Street, towards the 'top end' of town makes Adventure Cafe a must-stop-spot. Try a colossal vanilla milkshake or fresh mint Mojito or a goat's cheese focaccia. A great barbecue spot when the weather allows.

#### **SPEND THE AFTERNOON**

The Bath

Built by the Romans in AD 75 and dedicated to the goddess Sulis Minerva, the Baths are amongst the best preserved in the world. The Pump Rooms serves the hot water from the natural spring as a drink. Head down town for an afternoon of pampering at Thermae Bath

#### WHERE TO DINE **Hudson Steakhouse** hudsonbars.co.uk

Hudson's succulent steak is sourced from a nearby farm. For vegetarians, the risotto cakes with parmesan are delicious. The downstairs bar is perfect for sipping cocktails as you wait for your table to be set in the main restaurant area upstairs.

#### SPEND THE NIGHT Theatre Royal theatreroyal.org.uk

The Royal is more than 200 years old and one of the most influential venues for performing arts in the country. Seat yourself in one of the plush chairs as you enjoy a classic piece of theatre. Plays can be anything from Shakespeare to cutting edge dra-



Royal Crescent offers an exquisite façade, including Victoria Park

#### **Travel** in brief

**SKIING** Aspen Skiing Co. says there's been enough snow and cold temperatures to extend the ski season at Aspen Mountain for two more weekends. Aspen Mountain planned to close April 11 but resort officials said Tuesday that lifts also would run for the

weekends of April 17-18 and April 24-25. This is the third straight year that Aspen Skiing Co. has offered an extended season. Among the other mountains that Aspen Skiing Co. operates, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk plan to close THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Global hybrid electric vehicle sales are expected to rise by 16 per cent in 2010, according to a new report by J.D. Power and Associates. The company expects 840,000 hybrids to be sold by the end of the year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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#### Polo on top

The Volkswagen Polo, left, has been named the World Car of the Year. The Audi R8 won Performance Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Camaro was named Design of the Year at the New York International Auto Show. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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## Long live the station wagon

VW Golf stretched to max to make room for utility and style

ROB BEINTEMA for Metro Canada

#### Ah, station wagons. They originated as "depot hacks" to carry passengers and luggage from train station to hotel.

Then they evolved into Boomer family haulers and cross-country tourers before gradually degenerating into bloated and vinyl-clad irrelevance, battered by energy crises and compact car revolutions before being supposedly killed off by the advent of the minivan.

But it seems that rumours of their death have been somewhat exaggerated.

Station wagons are back, an evolutionary rebound from SUV excess, regaining their original popularity with a modern mix of utilitarian practicality, contemporary style and perky performance.

Take the 2010 Golf Wagon for example.

With a starting price of \$22,675, the Golf Wagon is a cheaper entry into German-engineered utility than most Euro-SUVs or crossovers. And yet it offers acceptable, compact-style family seating and loads of cargo-carrying ability, a natural fit for multi-purpose business needs, weekend getaway gear haulage, or for families with pets.

for families with pets.

The Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever with 930 litres of luggage space behind the rear seats, expanding to an impressive 1890 litres with the 60/40 second



#### 2010 <mark>VW Golf Wago</mark>n

**Type:** Five-door compact wagon

Price: from \$22,675 Engine: 2.5-litre inline 20valve five-cylinder; 2.0-litre inline turbocharged fourcylinder common rail diesel

#### Highlights

- Biggest Golf ever
- Choice of gasoline and TDI clean diesel
- Stylish

row folded flat.

That's roomier than the cargo rating of VW's Tiguan compact SUV. It rivals the larger Touareg's numbers and even surpasses the maximum luggage space of the bigger Passat Wagon.

From the driver's seat, it's easy to forget about cargo

space as you look around a premium passenger cabin that is elegantly symmetrical with evident quality in content and construction. Simple, round red-needled gauges are brilliantly lit in white.

Outside, this sixth generation Golf Wagon pays tribute to the first generation Golf with a radiator grille horizontally aligned between the headlights. For a wagon, it's unexpectedly sleek. It's low-slung, sporty lines and very "un-wagonish" persona surprised me every time that I walked up to it.

The 2010 VW Golf Wagon comes in varying trim levels with a choice of two engine versions — gasoline or TDI Clean Diesel.

It comes standard with a five-speed manual or optional six-speed automatic. My real world combined



results with the slightly more frugal automatic averaged out to 10.1L/100km. This gasoline-powered variant starts with the base Trendline model, moving upscale to a Comfortline trim level.

Stick to the speed limit on a long highway run and you might actually reach VW's boasted range of 1190 km on a single tank. My more realistic combined averages, as usual, worked out closer to the city rating, returning me 6.5L/100km.

Regardless of personal preferences, trim selections or even powertrain choices, the 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon blends quality and content in a package that is elegantly stylish and eminently practical.

Long live the station wagon.

#### LEDs light up future

TECH The latest technology that is changing the face of cars is the Light-Emitting Diode (LED). LEDs which are smaller, brighter and can be configured together are gradually replacing conventional incandescent and halogen bulbs.

Audi is lighting the way in terms of LED use. Currently it makes more use of the technology than any other manufacturer, using the lights to create a unique look for the front and rear of its cars.

The A1, A4, A5, and R8 all have LED running lights making them stand out.

The rest of the car industry is following suit. Many recent concept cars have used LEDs to add visual interest, suggesting that we can expect to see their use on cars other than Audis soon.

LEDs, though more expensive, are used because they illuminate quickly. This means they are particularly safe when used for rear taillights. Vehicle designers like them because they offer greater design flexibility. As the bulbs are much smaller, they take up less space, meaning that they are more versatile allowing designers the opportunity to create lighting "shapes."

LEDs also tend to last longer and use less power than conventional bulbs, which is makes them better for the environment.

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BMW goes HD across board

If you've got your heart set on picking up a 2011 BMW of any flavour, we've got good news for you. The company has announced that it's making HD Radio standard on all of its products in the U.S., from the lowly 128i to the big 760Li. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Car owners, rise and shine



pring is sprung, the grass is riz, and I don't wonder where the birdie is? Because they just did their business on my

Even if the birdies spared your vehicle, this would be a great time to get out there with a brush and a bucket.

Here are some helpful hints that you might have forgotten, and that address recent developments in paint and wheel finishes and car washing products.

They were brought to our attention through conversations with two car washing experts: Jim Dvorak of Mothers Polish, and Rachel Agnew of Black Magic (a division of Shell Lubricants).

#### **Essential car-cleaning tools & supplies**

- Positive shut-off hose nozzle
- Wheel and Tire Cleaner
- Dedicated brush and bucket for wheel and tire cleaning
- Biodegradable car wash Two wash mitts and two
- buckets for body washing Microfibre drying and pol-
- ishing towels
- Protectant for vinyl and rubber (including tires)

**WHEELING:** Do the wheels first, says Agnew, and one at a time. Don't apply wheel cleaner when the wheel is hot, and don't leave it on too long. Dvorak cautions to know your wheel's make-up. All modern factory aluminum wheels have a coating they need paint polish, not aluminum polish.

**SOAPING:** For soaping a car down, I prefer to use a live squirrel. But Dvorak recommends a sheepskin or lambs wool wash mitt for the main body (above the beltline), and second mitt (microfibre "mop head" or "chenille") for the dirtier

- Glass cleaner (ammonia-free so safe for tinted windows)
- Wax
- Instant Detailer (to remove dust, bird droppings, etc., between washings)
- For more information, you can check out these sites: detailguide.com waxforum.com blackmagicshine.com

lower body. This lowers your chances of scratching paint with dirt particles in your mitt. Agnew reminds us not to use dish soap, which will certainly strip away any wax you've applied. Car wash soap is milder and is designed to carry dirt away when rinsed. Use two buckets: one to rinse dirt off the mitt, the other to put clean suds on the mitt.

RINSING AND DRYING: The key to a successful "dry" is a great "rinse." Dvorak suggests taking off your hose's spray nozzle, and lowering the water stream so it just shoots out about a foot. Then work to get a "sheeting" action on each body panel, before moving on to the next panel. When the water comes off in "sheets" there is less waiting for you to dry off. Dvorak has a vendetta for the old-school leather chamois — they're too grabby. They take wax off, and can even scratch some of the newer (and softer, water-based) finishes. Plush terry cloth or plush microfibre work best.

WAXING: There is a misconception that vehicles with clear coat paint finishes do not need wax. You want to protect your clear coat, as you would any coat. Our experts recom-mend waxing every eight to 12 weeks. New synthetic wax products are very easy to polish off, even if left on for hours (unlike carbuna wax, which sometimes needs to be chiseled off). Dvorak adds that many people are revisiting the benefits of the "pre-wax" clay bar. After applying clay bar lubricant, you simply run the clay bar along the body panels, to pick up



Washing and cleaning a car is not as simple as you think.

any dirt, metal flakes, pollutants, etc., that have imbedded themselves into the paint.

GREENING: Use biodegradable car-wash soap, and a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose to conserve water. If you're cleaning oily

stuff, make sure it goes down a drain routed to a treatment plant. "Regular" dirt can go down a sewer drain (but first check municipality by-laws).

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# Toyota Camry built on solid reputation

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#### HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

Building on generations of reliability and owner satisfaction, the last-generation Toyota Camry was bought as a proven, nononsense machine by thousands of Canadians. If you're looking for a level-headed used fami-

ly sedan, they don't get much more sensible than this.

Used Camry shoppers in this generation can choose between a 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine with 157 horsepower, or a 3-litre V6 with 192. Later in Camry's life, the V6 was up-sized to 3.3 litres, and horsepower climbed to 220.

The four-cylinder engine should prove adequate for most drivers, though the V6 is popular with those after added performance, and those who frequently travel with a carload of occupants and gear.

All Camry models were front wheel drive, and an

automatic or manual transmission were available — depending on the selected engine.

Lower-end Camry's got an "LE" designation, while more upscale units were badged "SE" or "XLE" in top-line trim. Shoppers can look for a sunroof, remote entry, power accessories, power seats, antilock brakes and automatic climate control.

A six-CD changer, steering wheel mounted audio controls and an auto-dimming rearview mirror were available, too.

The Camry wasn't a car anyone bought for excitement,

citement, though it was available very nicely equipped.

LIKE: Last-generation
Camry owners typically report satisfaction with the
ride quality, roomy interior and fuel mileage. The
big trunk and available V6
performance were commonly praised, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Typical owner complaints deal with Camry's bland looks and character. Some owners also wish for better visibility, more comfortable seats and more agile handling, too.



A newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Toyota Camry from a certified dealer program is a good bet for long-term confidence.

**COMMON ISSUES:** If you're Camry in this generation, shopping for an earlier scrutinize its steering

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while driving in a straight line. Question any "pull" you experience through the wheel, as there are many well-documented cases of an apparently unfixable alignment issue at the start of this generation.

Early Camry models in this generation may also have a higher likelihood of transmission trouble, according to owners forums. Several reports of failed transmissions are documented — so use extra caution on earlier automatic models. Ensure fluid and filter changes are up to date, and opt for the manual transmission if possible.

Check tire wear and brake condition, noting any abnormal tread wear or squealing noises. Assume the vehicle's former owner is trying to sell the car with minimal extra costs, and ensure they're not passing worn-out tires and brakes onto you. If they are, negotiate a better price.

Finally, ensure all interior features and electronics work as they're expected to, including the sunroof and windows. A check of the vehicle's paint, exterior trim and interior upholstery is a good idea with the last-generation Camry,

**THE VERDICT:** If your budget allows, a newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Camry from a Toyota Certified dealer program should prove the best bet for long-term confidence. Ultimately, there are less expensive used family sedans in the used car market, but few with this strong a reputation

## GM research aims to help drivers cut through fog

JIL MCINTOSH for Metro Canada

If you've ever driven in heavy fog, you know how dangerous it can be. General Motors' research and development (R&D) and several universities are working on an advanced vision system that uses data from sensors and cameras to project an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through the fog.

While it will be a long time before the full-screen display comes to market, if ever, the technologies being developed for it could have applications in upcoming vehicles. "The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor," says Thomas Seder, lab group manager of human machine interface at GM R&D. "You can see

through it when it's not being irradiated with UV light. But if you use a micro laser and irradiate a spot, the transparent phosphor will fluoresce, either red, green or blue."

GM was one of the first to offer a head-up display, or HUD, which projects a small image on the windshield, visible only to the driver, showing information such as vehicle speed. "We're looking to create

"We're looking to create enhanced vision systems," Seder says. "We're not creating anything that isn't out there in the real world. If you can imagine a night vision system that could detect a deer on the side of the road, you can't see it with your naked eye, but this could see it and then highlight its exact location. If you look at some concepts that people have proposed, you could be reading your email on a head-up display.



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but that's not what we want to do. Once you start cluttering up HUD with information that belongs in the centre stack or head-down display, we think that's very distracting. We want to enhance the driver's vision, not detract from it."

Developing technologies such as sign-reading can assist a driver by removing the need to search for landmarks. "We've all had the experience where you're scanning for the road sign and you're not looking at the road," Seder says. "The

primary task in driving is piloting, and navigating is secondary, but people's attention gets focused on the the secondary task."

The futuristic full-screen vision is much more complicated, because all of the

#### "The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor."

GM's Thomas Seder

information must be aligned correctly to the driver's eye. "The road signs don't require a precise image, but there's a penalty if I mismark the road edge," Seder says.

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"That one's more of a difficult technology. We need to know the vehicle's position, its orientation and the driver's position within the vehicle to precisely align the display image to the real-world image. It's a fairly intricate system, but we'll get better and better."

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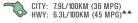
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Star Wars the sitcom

Star Wars is coming to TV as an animated comedy series. Lucasfilm says the sitcom will explore the comic aspects of that "galaxy far, far away" as it playfully and irreverently confronts the saga's characters and mythology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **Entertainment**

Graphic Ryan

Ryan Reynolds has reportedly

movie based on the ikov graphic novel.

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## Madonna dares to dream in Malawi with new school



Malawi Academy for Girls is scheduled to open in 2011, and will assist 500 orphaned children.

Daughters Lourdes and Mercy accompanied the pop diva to yesterday's ceremony. Madonna arrived in Malawi on Monday for a weeklong charity tour to inspect projects she established since her first visit in 2006.

Madonna has adopted two Malawian children, David Banda and Mercy Chifundo James, both four. She also funds six Malawian orphanages.

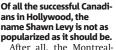
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Tiny Fey, Steve Carell and Mark Wahlberg in a scene from the new movie Date Night.

## Date Night goes bad

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada



After all, the Montrealborn filmmaker has made some of today's most successful family comedies (The Night at the Museum films for instance) and his work has generated over \$1.5 billion worldwide.

Now with Date Night, the big-name filmmaker is hoping to gain a greater reputation with a more adult-oriented comedy and quite frankly, not everyone is happy about it.

"It's my first non-family film," said Levy during a recent interview. "(And) my own daughters — I have three — feel betrayed that I've made a movie that

"I think the goal was to make it really, really funny but to also try and make it relatable to grown-ups in relationships ... and then where there is action, frankly to do action like we haven't seen before." Shawn Levy

they can't see ... they've watched Cheaper by the Dozen 9,000 times!"

Still, the Levy clan shouldn't be discouraged. With Date Night, Levy has crafted a very funny movie by matching two of comedy's top actors — Steve Carell and Tina Fey — as a bored married couple that go out on

— as a bored married couple that go out on their weekly "date night" and end up being chased by crooked cops and the mafia.

"I had a feeling that whoever put them (together) in a movie first was going to reap the benefits," said Levy. "But as a married couple especially feels so organic. They may be married to other people (in real

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so well-matched."
But as Levy insists, Date Night is not

sists, Date Night is not just a comedy. It delves into the world of action with plenty of break-ins, shootouts and a bizarre car chase that involved hooking two cars front bumper-to-front bumper.

"No one has seen a Siamese car chase through Manhattan," noted Levy. "I think the goal was to make it really, really funny but to also try and make it relatable to grown-ups in relationships ... and then where there is action, frankly to do action like we haven't seen before."

Although Date Night should expose Levy to a distinctly older audience, the filmmaker's refusal to be pegged down is illustrated by the variety of future projects he has in production —including a Steven Spielberg-produced blockbuster called Real Steel

"While I'm certainly going to do more big tentpole movies, I'm also developing (intimate) character pieces," said Levy.

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"So I'm just getting warmed up."



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#### Safety officials to discuss DJ AM crash

Federal officials were to discuss why a Learjet hurtled off a South Carolina runway, causing a crash that killed four people and injured Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and celebrity disc jockey DJ AM in Washington yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Country singer hits it big with Hillbilly Bone

Blake Shelton's knocked out a lot of six packs in his life, but nothing quite like

The country heartthrob's album, Hillbilly Bone, is being marketed by Warner Music Nashville as a "six pak." It contains just six tracks and will be followed in the next few months by a second short album with a third possible by the end of the year.

Call it a test balloon for the digital age, the latest stab at preserving physical album sales at a time when listeners are turning their backs on the oh so old-fashioned CD.

"Just to be honest with you, I was to the point where I just realized, 'What have we got to lose?'" Shelton said recent-

Nothing it turns out, and there's been plenty of gain. Hillbilly Bone opened with more than 71,000 physical copies sold and vaulted Shelton to No. 3 on the Billboard 200 — his highest posting on the all-genre chart. A month later it has sold more than 138,000 copies, according Nielsen SoundScan, and re-



Country singer Blake Shelton performs at the second annual ACM Honors at Schermerhorn Symphony Center in September in Nashville, Tennessee.

mains No. 4 on the country charts. There are plans at Warner for not only another Shelton six pak in the late summer, but possibly entries from other artists

as well.

Short albums, usually called EPs - a term rejected by Warner as out of date and misleading though nothing new,

they're not particularly widespread. They're often put out as stopgap offerings between albums or to promote emerging acts who might not have a full

album yet.

Shelton and Warner. though, see larger possibilities and the experiment is being watched closely in Nashville.

said Hillary Scott of the chart-topping group Lady Antebellum. "You don't have to wait as long anymore for new music He's definitely pushing the envelope, and I think a lot of artists, including us, are kind of watching to see how it does because it could end up really changing the model."

The six-pak idea is a way to forestall the death of the album in the digital age. Warner executives came up with the plan about eight months before Hillbilly Bone came out.

Peter Strickland, senior vice-president for sales and marketing, said the label was looking at several options. Adding content and jacking up the price didn't seem like the way to go.

Shelton was an ideal fit for the new idea. His most rabid fans tell him they want new music all the time and Shelton has often felt constrained by the usual release schedule of an album every 18 months or two years. Warner was also looking for a way to bump Shelton's sales.

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On doctor's orders, singer Whitney Houston had to postpone her scheduled concert yesterday in Paris, France, at the Omnisport Bercy due to an "upper respiratory infection" her publicist said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

#### **Move over Hannah Montana**

#### Two new tweens are hitting the small screen

Get ready to meet Brigit Mendler and Victoria Justice, the two biggest stars the world has never heard of — at least that segment of the planet that excludes anyone outside the ages of eight and 14.

But among that increasingly coveted tween demographic — the one that made superstars of Miley Cyrus and Zac Efron — Justice and Mendler's career arcs have been steadily rising for years.

Mendler was the cute

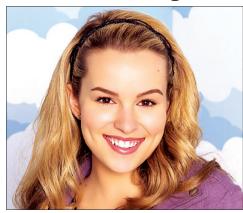
Mendler was the cute vampire who dated David Henrie's socially inept wizard on Wizards of Waverly Place, while Justice was the equally cute upstart rival to Jamie Lynn Spears on zone 101.

Now the two 17-yearolds are getting their own Sunday night sitcoms, Justice in Victorious, which debuts at 8 p.m. EDY this weekend, and mendole in Good Luck Charlie, which debuted last weekend and airs at 8:30 p.m.

Mendler's character on Good Luck Charlie is determined to videotape every significant event in the life of her newborn sister, Charlie, while at the same time juggling typical teen problems such as annoying brothers, overly protective parents and flaky boyfriends.

Meanwhile, Victorious puts Justice in a performing arts high school whose wacky student body (populated by several young Broadway theatre veterans) is capable of breaking into song and dance whenever the mood strikes.

The show's creator, Dan



Brigit Mendler is one of two young television actresses on the cusp of stardom.

Schneider, says he began grooming the actress for just such a breakout role the moment he saw her audition to play second banana to Spears on zone 101 nearly five years ago.

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At rival Disney, the feeling was the same when a 14-year-old mendole arrived to audition for Sonny With a Chance. The role would go to another tween idol, Demi Lovato, but mendole wouldn't go unnoticed.

There seems to be a wealth of TV tween stars at the moment, raising the question: Is there room for two more? The Jonas Brothers have their own eponymous show, Miranda Cosgrove has become nearly a household name on iCar-

ly, as has Sele-

na Gomez on

Wizards

Waverly Place — their images plastered all over TV, on lunch boxes, backpacks and buses.

But that doesn't mean networks like Disney and Nickelodeon can stop cranking out new kid stars. After all, they grow up, as Miley Cyrus, who's in her last year of Hannah Montana, is quickly doing. Some of them also cause

Some of them also cause embarrassment, as Spears did when she announced she was pregnant as the fourth season of zone 101 was beginning. Or when Hudgens surfaced on the Internet when she was starring opposite Efron in the High School Musical movies.

To prepare them, Disney puts child stars through something it calls Talent 101 which includes a seminar advising them on security precautions they might take and how to behave in public and in front of the press.

But looming stardom doesn't seem to have had much of an impact so far on mendole, who can appear self-assured beyond her years one moment, while discussing something like acting, then revert to a wide-eyed innocence when talking about getting her driver's license.

Likewise, Justice remains sanguine. Yes, she acknowledges, carrying a TV show is a big responsibility. But, hey, she's had other challenges in her life. "I graduated high school!," she shrieks with delight. Then she raises her arms and adds. "YAAAY!"



Sean Connery at his show in New York, April 5, 2010.

## Sean Connery's Dressed to Kilt in New York

MANHATTAN Sean Connery celebrated Scotland's eclectic style with a fashion show featuring celebrities, athletes and wounded war veterans in modernized kilts, capes and beanies from top Scottish designers.

Connery said Monday's seventh annual Dressed to Kilt, "certainly brings together a very interesting mix of people."

Mike Myers, donning a kilt, argyle socks and sneakers, was first on the catwalk at the Chelsea nightclub space. Al Roker was close behind in a longer kilt, paired with bright yellow socks.

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Joan Jett was a crowdpleaser in her
door-knock-

er bra

top,

patent-leather trench coat, micro-mini kilt and an outrageous feather headpiece by William Chambers, and Kelly Bensimon and Kellie Pickler each wore tiny corset dresses.

Scottish export Alan Cumming wore an all-matching plaid three-piece kilt suit, and actors Kyle MacLachlan and Sam Waterston also appeared comfy in their kilts. Speed skater Shani Davis accessorized with his Olympic gold medal.

But while there was a thoroughly festive atmosphere on stage, the mood became respectful when veterans from the Wounded Warrior Project appeared as models.

The fashion show raises money for Friends of Scotland, a non-profit founded by Connery. Proceeds were to be split by between Wounded Warriors,

Wounded Warriors, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Scottish equivalent group, the Erksine Hospital.

A pop-up shop on Madison Avenue selling some of the items from Dressed to Kilt will be open through April 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#### VH1 seeks more diverse audience

Cable network to feature more racially progressive reality programs

On her new VH1 reality dating show, Rozonda Thomas — better known as Chilli from the groundbreaking hip-hop group TLC — doesn't lounge in bubble baths or hand out fake bling to her suitors. Instead, the 39-year-old singer and mother meets bachelors at black-tie affairs and confers with a dating expert, as well as her 12-year-old son.

The cable network, synonymous with Flavor of Love and its sleazy spinoffs, is trading trampiness for fabulousness with a new slate of series starring seemingly well-adjusted rich and famous black Americans.

VH1 executive vice-president Jeff Olde admits that the shift from oh-no-theydidn't fare to more mature material is totally intentional.

We constantly have to evolve and tell our audience different stories," he says. "I love that we've been able to get more diverse with our audience by — in large part — attract-African-American women to the network.



In this publicity image for VH1's Basketball Wives from left. Jennifer Williams, Royce Reed, Erikka Moxam, Shaunie O'Neal, Evelyn Lozada, Suzie Ketchem and Gloria Govan pose together.

We got them in the door with some shows, and now I'm excited about where we're going and how we're telling them different kinds of stories."

With a Sunday debut, What Chilli Wants will be partnered othat night with Brandy & Ray J: A Family Business, focusing on sib-ling R&B singers Ray J and Brandy Norwood as they attempt to relaunch their music careers, and Basket-ball Wives, starring starring

Shaquille O'Neal's ex-wife, Shaunie O'Neal, and five other women with romantic links to basketball play-

For the notoriously trashy VH1, it's not reality as usual. While cat fights will flare up with the Basketball Wives and Chilli promises a tiff with her matchmaker sassv on What Chilli Wants, these new shows certainly aren't selling buzzworthy mo-ments akin to Flavor of

Love contestants spiting on each other or suddenly defecating on the floor.

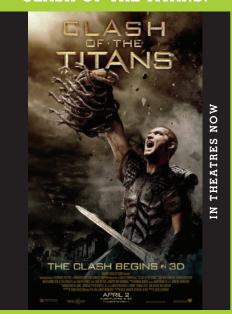
watched Flavour of Love myself," attests Chilli. "It was definitely one of the shows I thought was interesting, but it made sense for Flav to do it just that way. For me, I wanted to do my show in a wav that I would be comfortable with, and I was very happy that VH1 was on the same page with me."

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It smells like cats, Hagen Daaz, a hint of bitterness, and torn up Angelina Jolie photos

Jennifer Aniston is sniffing the sweet smell of success — she's preparing to launch her debut fragrance. She is fulfilling a long-time dream by creating her own signature scent, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

#### **Celebrity Buzz**

#### **Low-rent Lohan** can't make a buck

MAYBE SNOOKI NEEDS A NEW **ROOMMATE** Lindsay Lohan's troubles aren't solely with her father, as Showbiz Spy reports the actress' only source of income these days is from personal appearances. That wouldn't be a problem, except that her fee has reportedly dropped considerably and she's now making less than Jersey Shore cast members get.

"When Lindsay does get paid for attending events, she now gets \$5,000 to \$10,000, (which is) basical-

ly less than Snooki makes," a source says. METRO WORLD NEWS

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#### Tom urges Katie to pack on the pounds

#### **BECAUSE XENU FETUSES CAN'T** THRIVE IN TIGHT, ENCLOSED SPACES Tom Cruise and

Katie Holmes are reportedly ready for a second child. and to get ready for another pregnancy, Holmes is packing on the pounds, according to Now magazine. "Katie's been gorging on loads of carbs and she's put on at least 12 pounds," a source says. "She hates the fact that she's heavier, but Tom insisted that she needed more meat on her bones to have a greater



#### **Springtime for Hitler at** the James household?

FILM STAR IN THE FAMILY While there's been no word on divorce filings by Sandra Bullock, things could get even uglier for Jesse James if any of the 12 homemade sex tapes he made allegedly come to light, according to Radar Online.



claims to have seen some of the material says. "It's all really quite disturbing. What I saw was a naked woman on her knees and Jesse in a Nazi hat waving his arm in a salute. It looked like the woman's hands were bound."

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#### **Ex-Housewife sues series creator**

GROW ON TREES. RIGHT? ANY-ONE? Nicolette Sheridan apparently isn't thrilled with how things ended for her on Desperate Housewives, as she's now suing series creator Marc Cherry for \$20 million US over allegations of assault, gender violence and wrongful termination, according to Hollyscoop. claims Sheridan



script dispute. The suit alleges that her character on the series was killed off because the actress complained about his behavior.

"The decision to kill off Sheridan's character demonstrates that Cherry and ABC intended to and did retaliate against Sheridan for her complaints about Cherry," according to the lawsuit.

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#### Celeb**Tweets**

n't much to look at, JONATHAN ROSS is thinking about the future, and JESSICA ALBA is putting out quite a spread.

@joshgroban A lone

paparazzi got me and my dog (again) today. Bless. said "really exciting stuff, guy. Great job". A paycheck, my photo is not. @wossy Just read Asimov science fiction mag. It occurs to me to ask, how long before

we stop calling 'email' emails, and start calling them mail? jessicaalba I'm making family Sat. brunch - Chick-

en/Cheese Enchiladas, Guacamole, Beans, Cream Pie for dessert.





VANITY UNFAIR The investment firm that was tasked with managing the mismanaged fortune of Annie Leibovitz is suing the celebrity photographer, alleging she owes them a whopping \$800,000 US in unpaid bills for their services, popeater.com reports.

**Brunswick Capital Part**ners LP said in a lawsuit filed Friday that Leibovitz owes the fees for its help arranging her recent financing agreement with another firm, Colony Capi-

tal LLC, the Associated Press reports. METRO NEWS SERV-

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#### Arrivederci for Clooney's Italian love interest: Report

BRUNETTE ASSEMBLY LINE FOR GEORGIE George Clooney has reportedly called it quits with his Italian girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis, according to Grazia magazine. Sources say Clooney ended the nine-month





lifestyle," a source tells the magazine. "They'd been on the rocks since February, held on to make it through awards season. METRO

#### LaBeouf admits to problems with alcohol

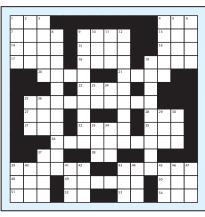
ADMITTING IS THE FIRST STEP. NOW, RESPONSIBILITY ... HE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT Shia LaBeouf admits he's had a difficult time with alcohol in the past, according to FHM magazine. "When I drink, I get crazy," says the Transformers star. refused to take

Breathalvzer test after his 2008 crash. know don't how to compose myself. But



LaBeouf says he's got his alcohol issues under control, though — for now at least. "I don't drink anymore, right now," he says. "But that's just today.'

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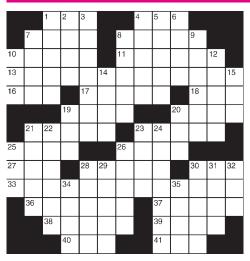


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#### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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#### **Chicken and** Shrimp **Jambalaya**

#### INGREDIENTS:

100 g chorizo sausage, cut into small chunks 300 g skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into bitesized pieces 2 cups long-grain rice 4 cups hot chicken or vegetable stock 1 bay leaf 200 g bottle tomato salsa 200 g raw, peeled tiger jumbo shrimp 3 tbsp chopped fresh pars-

#### METHOD:

ley

1. Heat large, deep frying pan over medium heat. Add chorizo and fry until just starting to brown. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside. Add chicken to chorizo oil and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring until

lightly coloured. Remove and set aside. 2. Add rice to pan and

cook, stirring, 1 minute. Pour in hot stock and add bay leaf. Reduce heat, then cover pan with lid or foil and simmer gently 5 minutes.

3. Stir chorizo and chicken into rice. Cover pan and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in salsa, jumbo shrimp and parsley, and cook 3-4 minutes or until jumbo shrimp are just cooked, most of liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender. 4. Remove bay leaf, then season; serve immediately **SERVES 4** 

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#### **ARIFS**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Some serious matters need to be dealt with and people are looking to you to take the lead.

You'll do it, of course, but don't do all the hard stuff vourself.

#### **SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Speak up if you disagree with what a friend or family member is proposing. They may not welcome your input now but later on they will thank you for caring.

#### **TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Strive for clarity in everything. The more you keep things simple over the next 24 hours the more likely it is you will impress some Very Important People.

#### **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22
After the trials and tribulations of recent weeks it might be wise to find yourself a quiet place where you can get your mind together.

#### **GEMINI**

On the web

MARGARET, IT'S ME, HARRIET!

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS JUST HOW "FREE-RANGE WE ARE!

 $(\pi)$ MAY 22-JUNE 21 Focus on business and money matters today. You may be a long way behind in your financial affairs but you can easily

catch up if you make an effort.

#### **SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21**

A sudden change of direction will be forced on you today and it will annoy you that you did not see it coming. Never mind. Life is full of twists and turns.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Say what you think and don't worry that some people might get angry. Life is too short. the only emotions you have con-

trol over are your own.

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#### **CAPRICORN**

Accept yourself for who you are and accept others for who they are. That is the message of the stars today and if you heed it you won't go far wrong.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Pluto will stop you in your tracks today and demand answers to some serious questions. It may mean having second thoughts about something

#### **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
If nothing else, recent developments will have made you more willing to experiment with new ideas and new ways of doing things.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

There is a huge opportunity just waiting to be taken advantage of, but you can't seem to find the energy to get started. Maybe you need to question your aims.

#### **PISCES** FFR 19-MARCH 20

Seek out people who inspire you and whose ideas are different, even radical. The world is changing at such a pace that you can-not afford to stay where you are.

#### This day in history

1868: Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Canadian Fathers of Confederation is assassinated by the Irish, in one of the few Canadian political assassinations, and the only one of a federal politician. 1940: Booker T. Washington becomes the first African American to be depicted on a United States postage stamp.

1948: The World Health Organization is established by the UN. 1985: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev declares a moratorium on the deployment of middle-range missiles in Europe

1994: Massacres of Tutsis begin in Kigali, Rwanda

2003: U.S. troops capture Baghdad; Saddam Hussein's regime falls two days later. METRO NEWS SERVICES





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